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I MADE UP MY MIND THAT DAY...
THAT I WOULD FIND A WAY TO PAY YOU BACK. TO HELP YOU WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING...
NO MATTER WHAT YOU WOULD BECOME
EVEN A DEMON
IN MY LEFT HAND I WIELD THE DEMON SLAYER...
FOR YOU... AND YOU ALONE!!!

KI-YAAAAAA!
KA-KLANG
UHNGG!
THUD
ARRRRGHH!

I'LL ADMIT,
YOUR SWORD IS FIRST RATE, BUT YOUR SKILLS...
...ARE SIMPLY PITIFUL.
STILL WITH THAT WEAPON AND YOUR BLOODLINE...
IT'S BEST IF I JUST NIP THINGS IN THE BUD. BEFORE THIS FLEDGLING DEMON HUNTER BLOOMS.
NO...
KOU ?!
CHIKA-CHIKA-KA-CHING
KOU!

HUH ?!
TAKERU ...
DON'T YOU DARE TAKE ANOTHER STEP TOWARD HIM!!!
BUT HOW?! YOU CONTROLLED THE WITCHBLADE WITH REASON?!
WOOOOOOSH

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OOH!
TIME TO EAT!
DELICIOUS!
IF THERE IS ONE THING YOU ARE GOOD AT, TAKERU...
IT'S COOKING.
ONE THING?! WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?!
HE HE
SERI-OUSLY!
I AM A GOOD COOK!

CHAPTER 4
THE CALL OF BLOOD

YOU'RE USING GRANNY'S FLAVORS, AREN'T YOU?
HMM?
WE USED TO EAT A LOT AT YOUR HOUSE... AFTER MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY.
I REMEMBER. WE USED TO BRING IT OVER WHEN YOUR FATHER WAS TOO BUSY.
REMEMBER THAT TIME I TRIPPED AND DROPPED ALL THE FOOD?
MAN. YOU CRIED LIKE NOBODY'S BUSINESS.
HONESTLY, THAT WAS TOUGH TO WATCH.

YOU WERE CRYING SO BAD... I FRANTICALLY TRIED TO SCROUNGE UP SOME NUTS AND BERRIES TO REPLACE THE FOOD YOU DROPPED.
AS IF NO ONE WOULD NOTICE.
WHAT WAS I THINK-ING?
HA HA HA... I KNOW!
MAN...
SIM-PLER TIMES.

SO YOU'RE THE DIRECT DESCENDANT OF DEMON HUNTERS
AND ME... I'M A DEMON.
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ...
THAT LITTLE GIRL CRYING OVER SPILLED FOOD COULD BE A...
YOU'RE NOT A DEMON...
BUT YOU DEFEATED ONE BACK THERE

MY OPPONENT COULD HAVE BEEN ANYTHING. ANYONE.
HUH?
WHEN THE WITCHBLADE TAKES OVER MY BODY...
I JUST HAVE THIS OVERWHELMING URGE TO KILL... I CAN'T BEAR IT!
BECAUSE WHILE I AM DOING IT, IT FEELS...
...JUST SO GOOD.
WHOA.

AND I KNOW ONE DAY...
IT WILL MAKE ME KILL A HUMAN--
I'D FIGURE OUT A WAY TO DESTROY THE WITCHBLADE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS!!
YOU SAVED ME, REMEMBER?!
NO! YOU WOULDN'T!
BESIDES...

EVEN IF YOU DID BECOME A DEMON...
I WOULD NEVER.. I COULD NEVER KILL YOU!
KOU..
I SAID NEVER! DO YOU HEAR ME?!
OKAY, OKAY...
IT'S SETTLED.
SO HOW ABOUT WE TEAM UP AND FIND OUT WHY THOSE DEMONS SUDDENLY APPEARED? I WANT TO KNOW WHY HERE... WHY NOW.

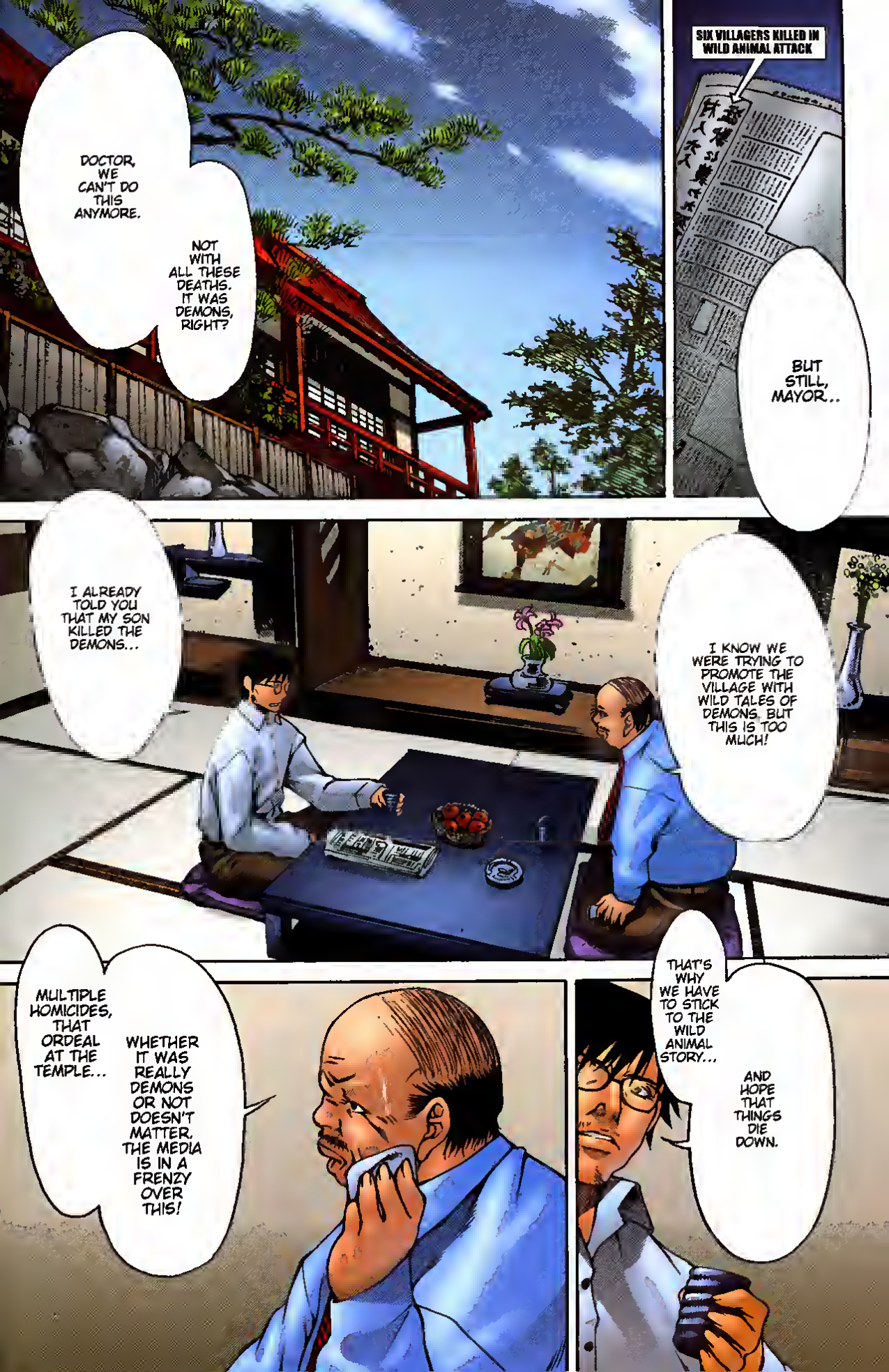
WELL, LOOKIE HERE!
A ROMANTIC LOVERS' PICNIC! ROOM FOR ONE MORE?!
WELL ?
GEEZ.
EVER HEAR THE EXPRESSION THREE'S A CROWD. BESIDES, WHERE'S YOUR LUNCH?
COULD YOU ...
UHM, GET OFF ME, AYAKA ?
COME ON! I'M STARVING AND THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA CLOSED WHILE I WAS ON THE ROOF HAVING DIRTY SEX WITH THIS TOTALLY HOT SENIOR.

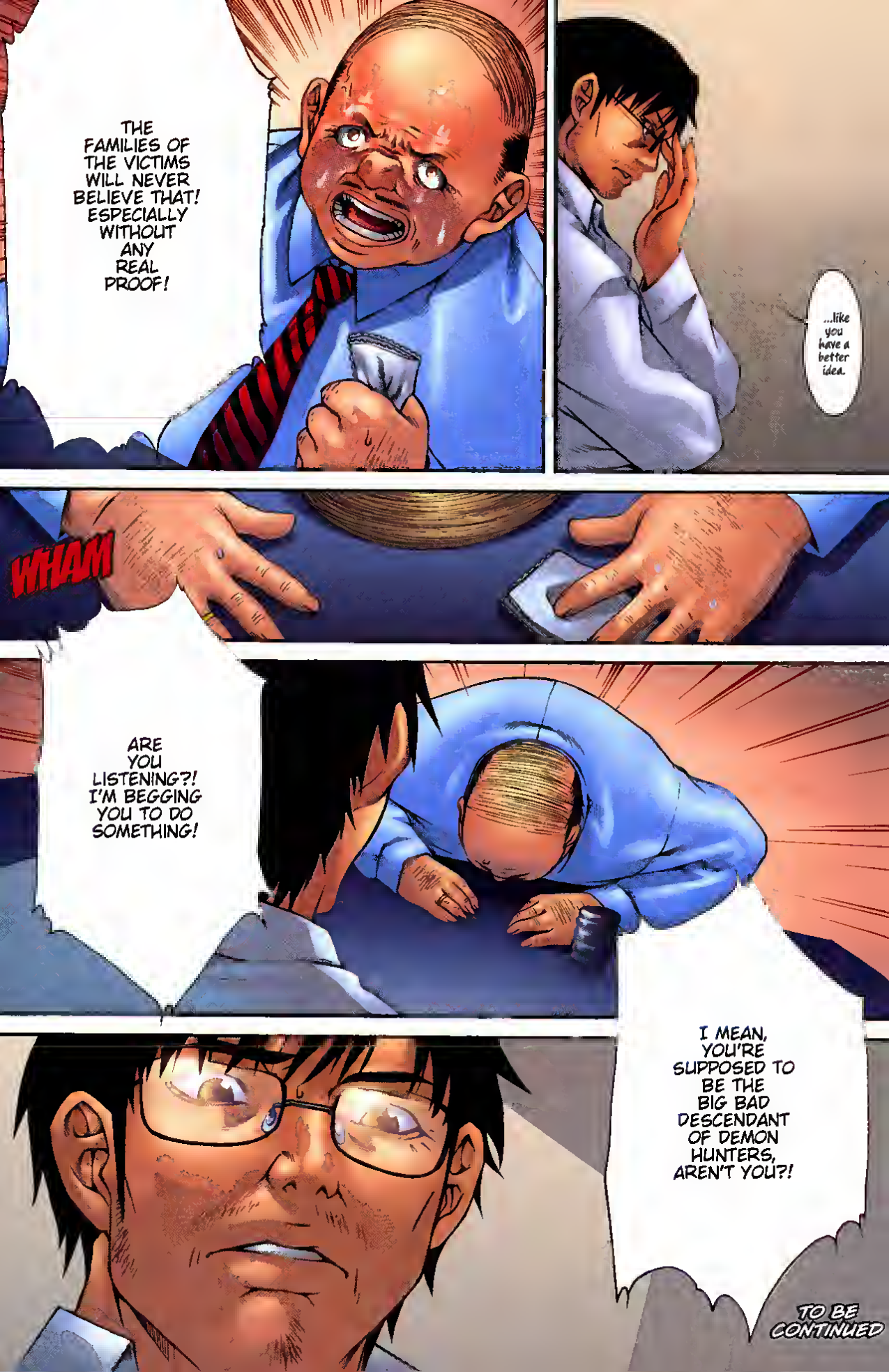
YOU KNOW AYAKA, IF YOU KEEP DOING THINGS LIKE THAT AT SCHOOL...
BUDDHA WILL PUNISH ME FOR SURE, RIGHT?
Wiener octopus secured!
JUST ONCE I'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT BEING PUNISHED REALLY FEELS LIKE SECURED!
BY THE WAY, DON'T YOU THINK THE BUDDHA IS KINDA SEXY?
CONK
SPLURGH...
OW!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.
TICK TICK
BA-DOOM
DA-DOOM
SO ABOUT THAT PARTY....
--OH, HOLD ON A SEC?
SHUT UP! CAN'T YOU SEE I'M ON THE PHONE?!
GRRRRRRRR...
YKES!

BOOM TAP TAP BA DOOM
I SEE...
SO WE'RE ALREADY HAVING TROUBLE DEALING WITH THIS BRAND NEW WITCHBLADE?!
YES, MADAM FUURA.

AND MASTER HOUGEN IS WAITING SO IMPATIENTLY, TOO.
NO MATTER,
IF THE TRUE POWER OF THE WITCHBLADE IS UNLEASHED...
WEAPONS MADE BY MERE HUMANS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY USELESS.
SPLOOSH
TELL KIRA TO HURRY IT UP.

WHIRRRR-
ALSO...
KUKUHA-HA-HA
OH... OH...
AUGGGH...!
TELL HIM TO DELIVER ANOTHER GIRL.
SPAGH-GOOSHHHH
MMMMMMMM...
AND MAKE SURE SHE TASTES...
AS SWEET AS THIS ONE.


DOCTOR, WE CAN'T DO THIS ANYMORE.
NOT WITH ALL THESE DEATHS. IT WAS DEMONS, RIGHT?
SIX VILLAGERS KILLED IN WILD ANIMAL ATTACK
BUT STILL, MAYOR...
I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT MY SON KILLED THE DEMONS...
I KNOW WE WERE TRYING TO PROMOTE THE VILLAGE WITH WILD TALES OF DEMONS. BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!
MULTIPLE HOMICIDES, THAT ORDEAL AT THE TEMPLE...
WHETHER IT WAS REALLY DEMONS OR NOT DOESN'T MATTER. THE MEDIA IS IN A FRENZY OVER THIS!
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO STICK TO THE WILD ANIMAL STORY...
AND HOPE THAT THINGS DIE DOWN.


THE FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS WILL NEVER BELIEVE THAT! ESPECIALLY WITHOUT ANY REAL PROOF!
...like you have a better idea.
WHAM
ARE YOU LISTENING?! I'M BEGGING YOU TO DO SOMETHING!
I MEAN, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE BIG BAD DESCENDANT OF DEMON HUNTERS, AREN'T YOU?!
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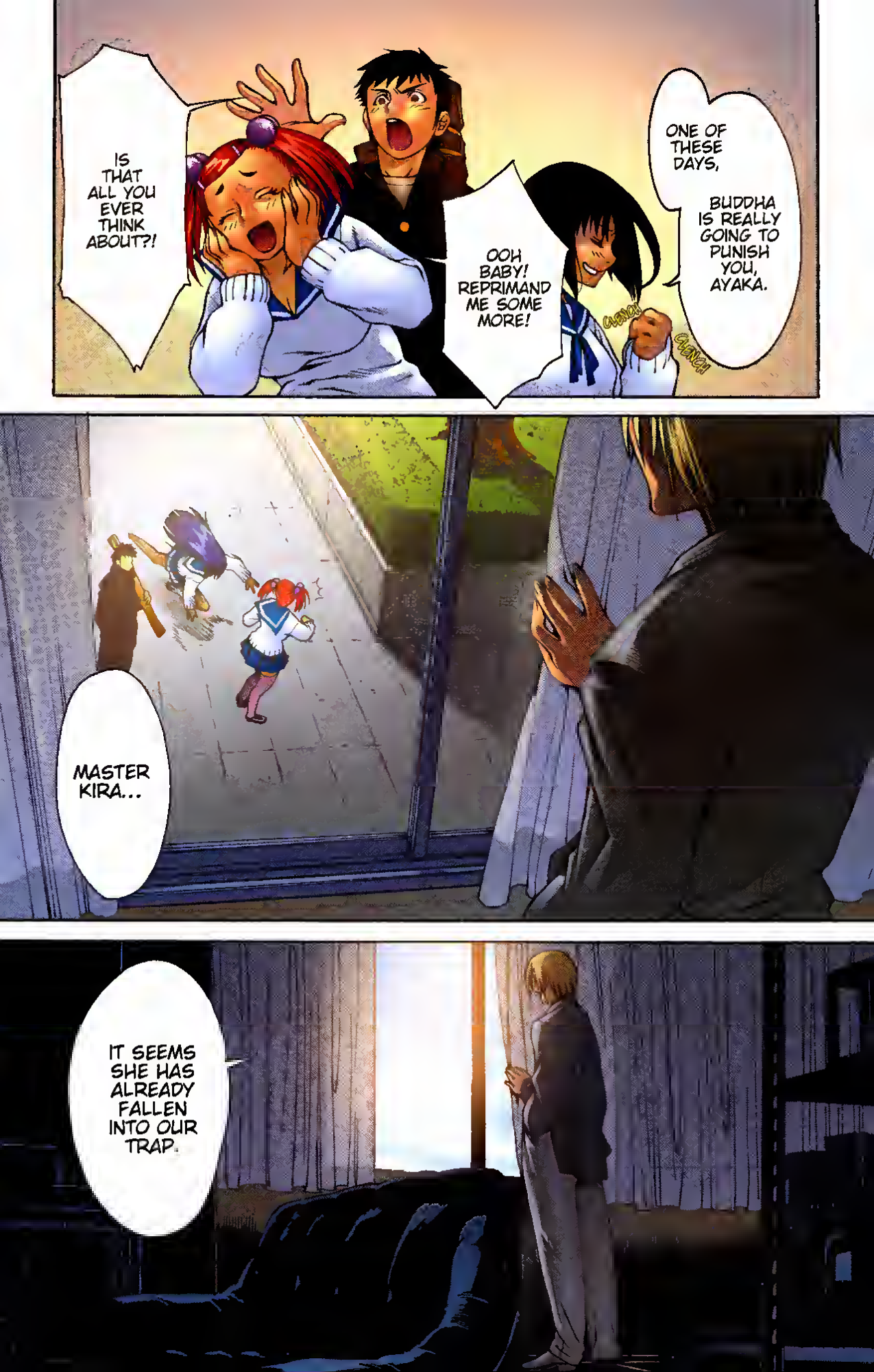
LIBRARY
KOU!
WE KNEW THAT ALREADY. LOOK AT THIS...
"THE DEMON MOUND... THOSE WHO PURSUED THE TRADE OF DEMON HUNTING APPEARED AND DESTROYED THE DEMONS THAT ONCE INHABITED THE VILLAGE.....
AND THE PLACE ON THE EDGE OF THE VILLAGE WHERE THOSE DEMONS WERE BURIED IS CALLED THE DEMON MOUND."
COULD THAT BE THE WITCH-BLADE?
IT SAYS, "SOME STILL CLAIM THE LEADER OF THE DEMONS SURVIVED..."
"THE LEADER OF THE DEMONS WAS FEMALE,
AND THE HEAD OF THE DEMON HUNTERS CUT OFF HER RIGHT HAND AND ENSHRINED IT IN THE TEMPLE."
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE...
UNLESS THEY'VE BEEN AROUND ALL THIS TIME. I MEAN, THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE JUST LEGEND.
NO ONE HAD EVEN SEEN THEM UNTIL NOW, RIGHT?
SO...
I GUESS THOSE DEMONS WE ENCOUNTERED ARE DESCENDED FROM HER.

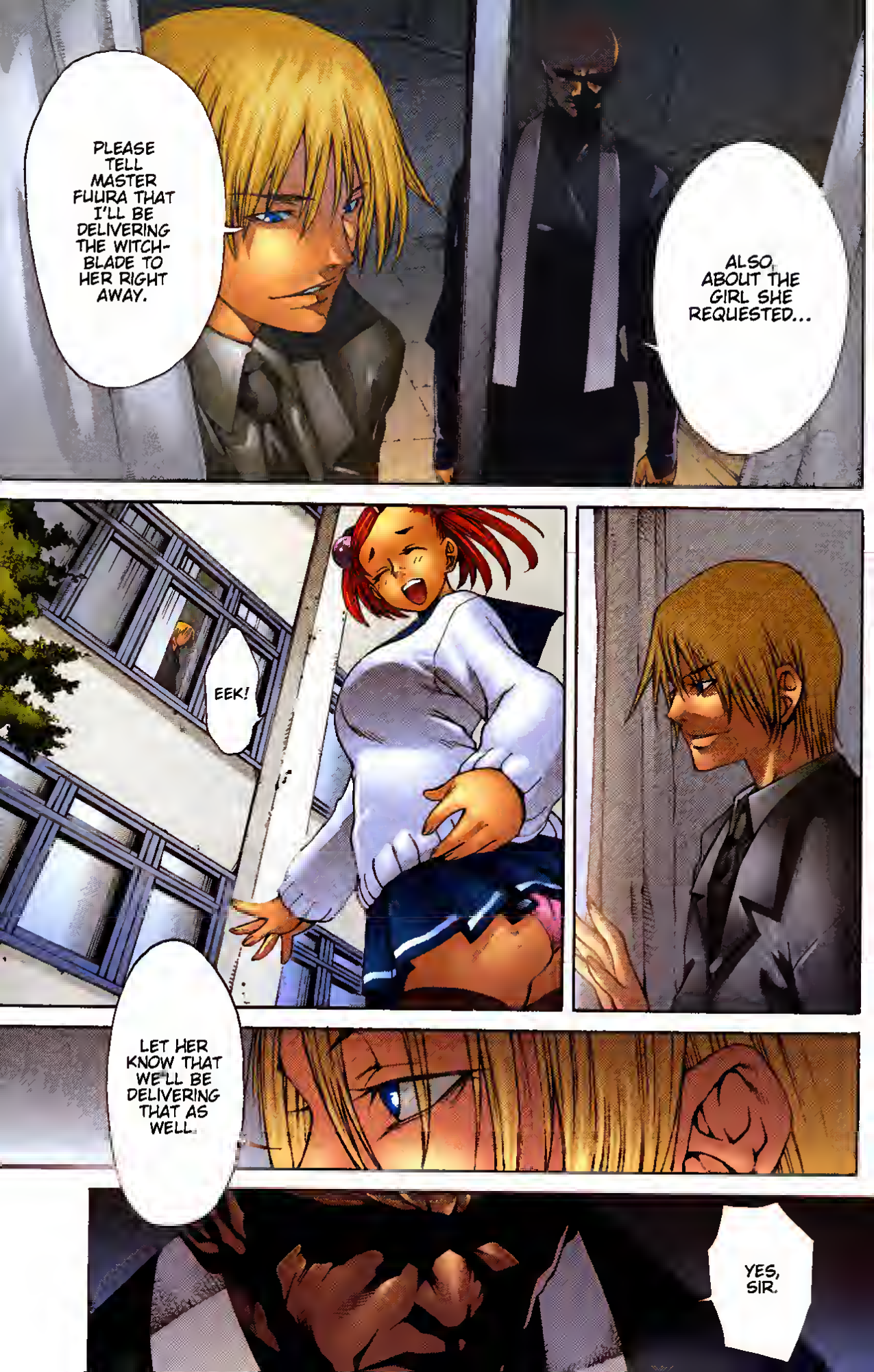
HMM?
HI GUYS! WHAT ARE YOU RESEARCHING?
HEY!!!
WELL...
JAPANESE DEMON LEGENDS...
DEMONS OF THE [redacted] REGION
INTERESTING STORY... "THE MYSTERY OF PEACH BOY"...
HMMMM...
AHA!
I FIGURED IT OUT! YOU'RE BOTH DOING RESEARCH ON DEMONS, RIGHT? AREN'T YOU?!
DING
HA HA HA HA HA...
UHM... THAT'S OBVIOUS.
MYTHOLOGY OF DEMONS AND MONSTERS
WHEN IT COMES TO THINGS LIKE THIS...

LIBRARIAN SAKURAI
YOU SHOULD COME TO ME! AFTER ALL I AM THE LIBRARIAN...
LIBRARIAN SAKURAI
SERIOUSLY. IF YOU WANT THE CORRECT INFORMATION, YOU MUST CONSULT ME... LIBRARIAN SAKURAI!
WE'RE SORRY... BUT SOME-HOW WE MANAGED TO FIND EVERY-THING RIGHT AWAY, SO...
HOW NAÏVE!
THIS IS NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT I CAN GET FOR YOU IN THE STACK ROOM!
JUST WAIT HERE ONE MINUTE...
SO... HAVE YOU MET THE NEW LIBRARIAN? LIBRARIAN SAKURAI?
YOU REALIZE THERE IS NO WAY I'M WAITING FOR HER..
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP
FLAP

BY THE WAY,
AYAKA AND I ARE GOING TO VISIT SISTER SEISHUU. WANNA COME?
SURE.
SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG--
HMMPH!
!
WHAT IMPATIENT PEOPLE...
THUD
...AND I RAN INTO THEM A LOT SOONER THAN I HAD HOPED.
SO SHE IS THE BEARER OF THE WITCH-BLADE...

TAKERU-CHAN!
OH... KOU'S COMING TOO!
I GET IT...
KOU'S GOT A THING FOR SISTER SEISHUU! HE HE HE... SHE IS SEXY AFTER ALL.


IS THAT ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT?!
OOH BABY! REPRIMAND ME SOME MORE!
ONE OF THESE DAYS,
BUDDHA IS REALLY GOING TO PUNISH YOU, AYAKA.
CHEEK!
CHEEK!
MASTER KIRA...
IT SEEMS SHE HAS ALREADY FALLEN INTO OUR TRAP.


PLEASE TELL MASTER FUURA THAT I'LL BE DELIVERING THE WITCH-BLADE TO HER RIGHT AWAY.
ALSO, ABOUT THE GIRL SHE REQUESTED...
EEK!
LET HER KNOW THAT WE'LL BE DELIVERING THAT AS WELL.
YES, SIR.

NOW
TIME FOR ME TO GET TO WORK.
OH,
AND YOU'VE DONE VERY WELL...
IN FACT, IF THE NURSE SUITS YOU, YOU MAY EAT HER BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

PANT
PANT
PANT
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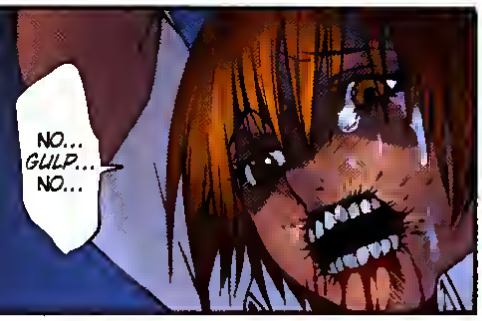
SIR, YOU... DON'T MIND?
WHILE I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THE LIPS...
THE REST JUST DOESN'T INTEREST ME IN THE LEAST.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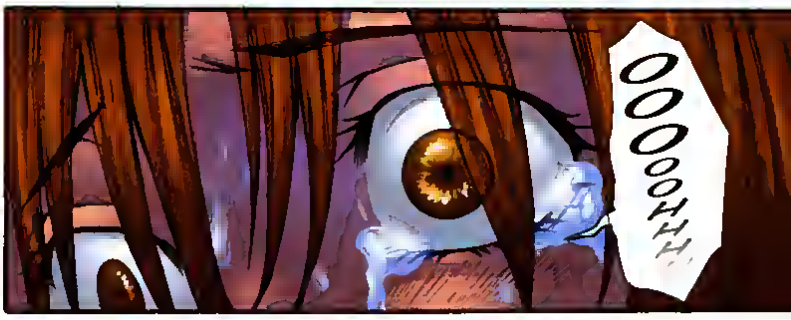
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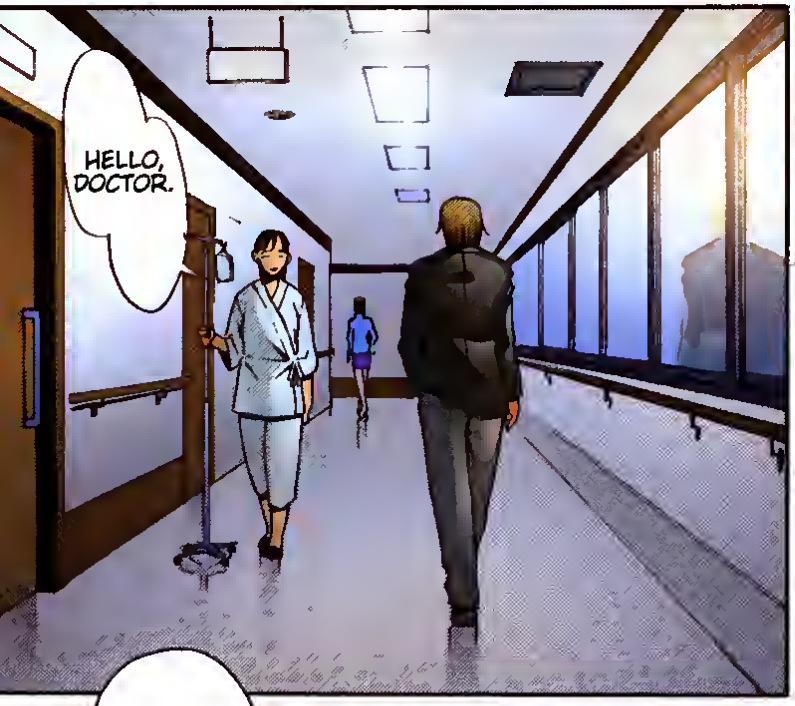
HELLO, DOCTOR.

COME TO THINK OF IT, THAT NUN...
...ALSO HAS DELICIOUS LOOKING LIPS.

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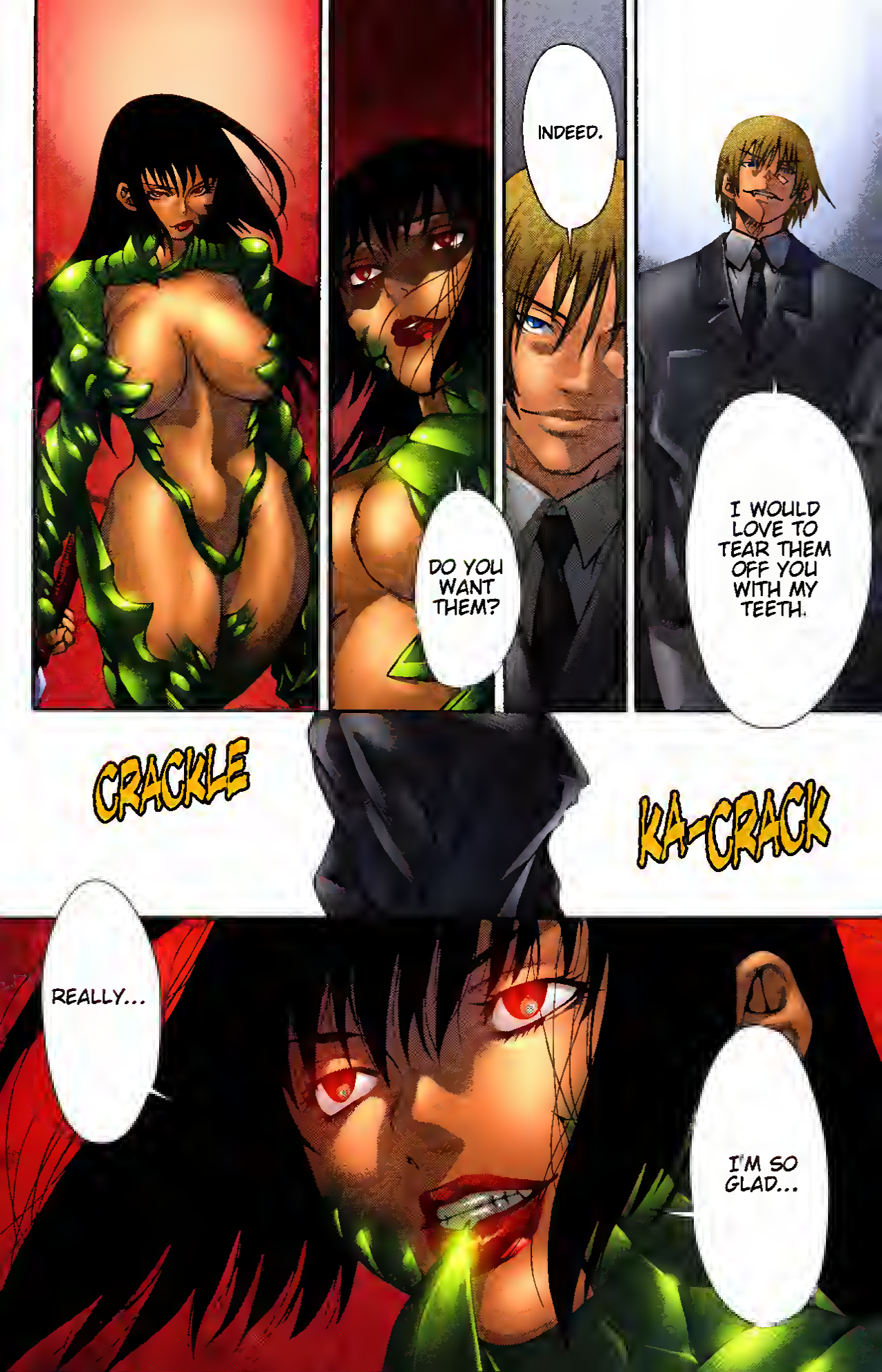
FOUND IT!
AYAKA!
SISTER SEISHUU!
SKREEE
GRRRR
YEAH. THEY'RE HERE...
CAN YOU TELL?

→SWALLOW←
TAKERU...
YOU SAID YOU'D NEVER KILL ME, RIGHT?
BUT YOU KNOW...
KA-CHNGGGGKKK
KA-KA-CHNG
KA-CHNG
IF I REALLY BECOME A DEMON...
GRIP
GRIP-PA-GRIP
GRIIIIPPP

I WANT YOU TO KILL ME.
WHAT?!
PLEASE.

CLICK CLACK
CLICK CLACK
THE WITCH-BLADE...

AND YOU, BOY...
THE DESCENDANT OF DEMON HUNTERS, EH? THAT'S FUNNY...
BUT...
YOU HAVE SUCH WONDERFUL LIPS.
SO PLUMP... AND JUICY.


INDEED.
I WOULD LOVE TO TEAR THEM OFF YOU WITH MY TEETH.
DO YOU WANT THEM?
CRACKLE
KA-CRACK
REALLY...
I'M SO GLAD...

BECAUSE I ALSO...
...WANT TO TEAR YOU TO BITS.

CHAPTER 5
IN HUNGER
KRA-KAH
KRACK
KREE-KAH
NOW...
LET'S FINISH THIS QUICKLY...

BEFORE THOSE PRETTY LIPS GET TOO BRUISED OR BLOODY.

I PREFER TO TAKE MY TIME...
I WANT TO ENJOY THIS TO THE FULLEST....

FIGHTING IS SO BARBARIC AND UNINTERESTING...

CLANG

SKKTCKK
I SEE YOU ARE PARTIAL TO BRUTE FORCE...
CHING
KA-CHING
EVEN LESS INTERESTING.

YOU'RE SUCH A PRUDE. IT FEELS GOOD...
TAKERU...
IF I REALLY BECOME A DEMON...
THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS.
I WANT YOU...
...TO KILL ME.
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AS IF I COULD...
...DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
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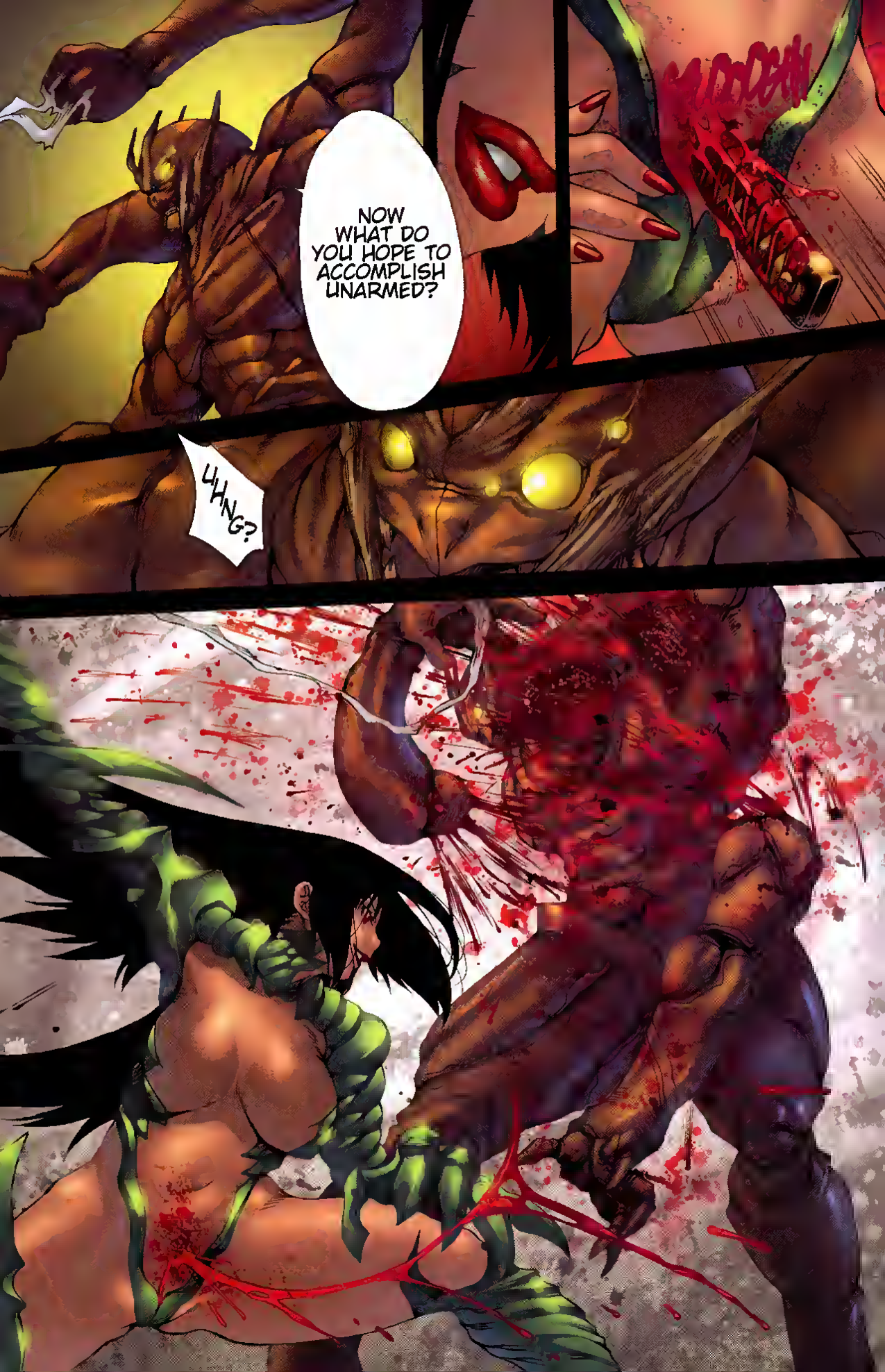
SHHHRR
RRRRRR
COME NOW...
SKKCH
THE WAY YOU FIGHT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO ENJOY.
YOU HAVE NO FINESSE...

HAH!
THWOK

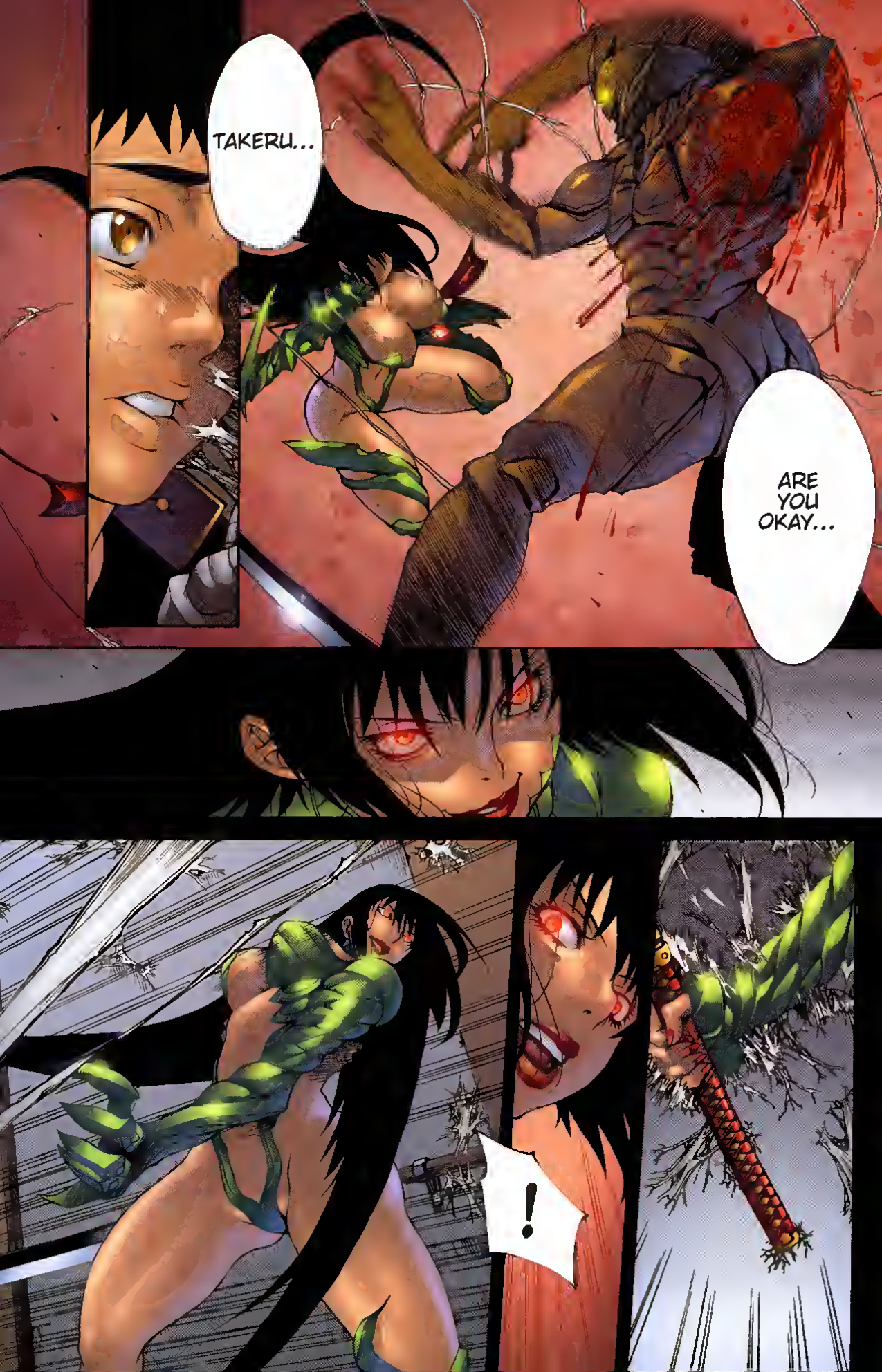
WUH--
DAMN IT!
HUH!
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

I'D RATHER WADE IN A SEA OF YOUR BLOOD!
IT MAKES FOR A COMFORT-ABLE PLACE TO REST YOUR WEARY SELF.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY SOME FOR YOURSELF?
HUH?

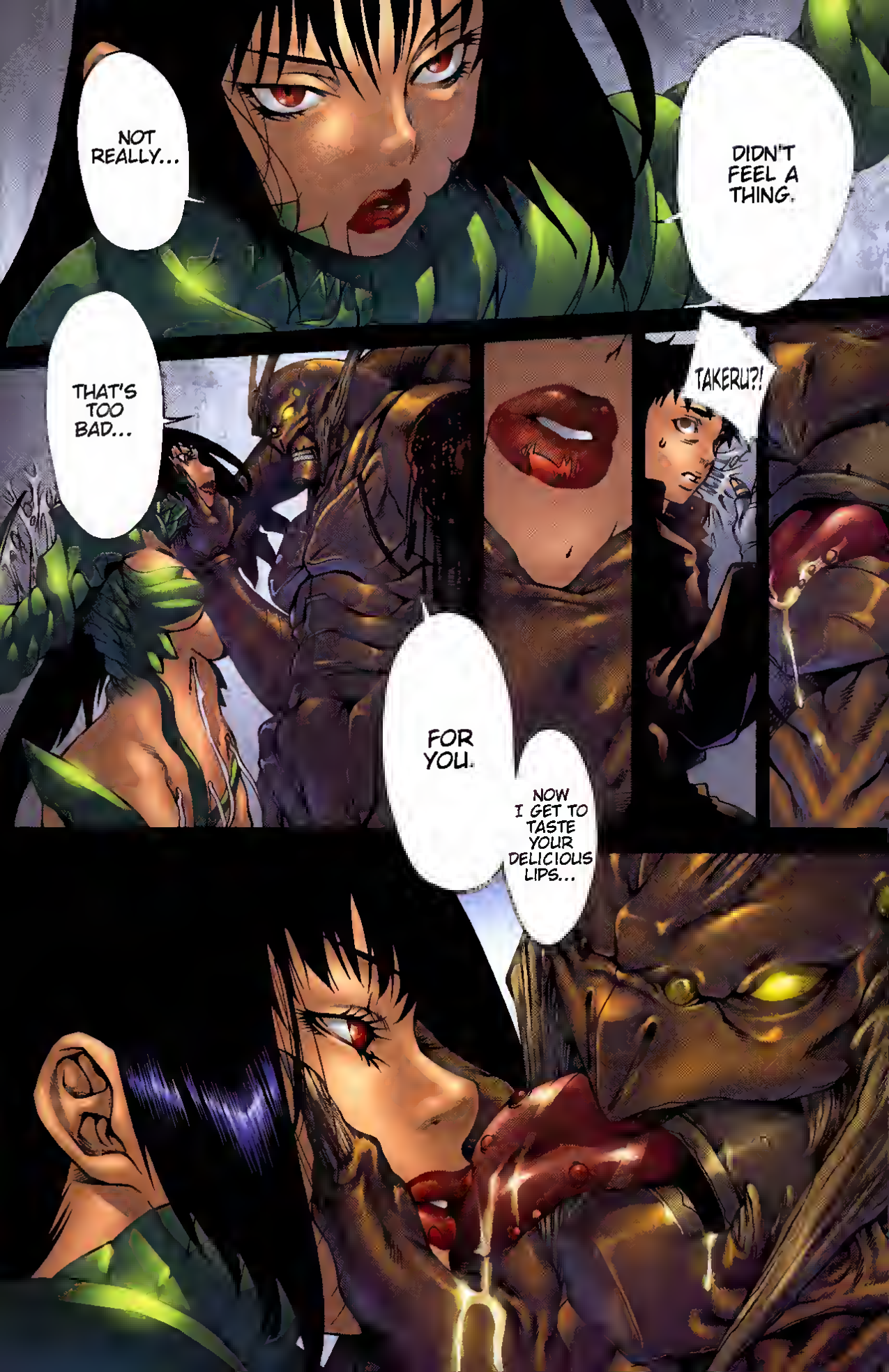

NOW WHAT DO YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH UNARMED?
UHNG?

NOW THAT...
REALLY FELT GOOD.
UHNGG...
I SEE.
SO IT SEEMS YOUR BODY IS A LIMITLESS ARSENAL.
NO WONDER EVEN MASTER HOUGEN IS AFRAID.
HOW-EVER..
WITH A WIELDER SUCH AS YOU...

HELLO, IS SOME-ONE THERE?
THIS AREA IS OFF LIMITS...
NO!
GASP!


TAKERU...
ARE YOU OKAY...
!

TAKERU!
WELL? THAT MUST FEEL SO GOOD RIGHT ABOUT NOW.


NOT REALLY...
DIDN'T FEEL A THING.
THAT'S TOO BAD...
TAKERU?!
FOR YOU.
NOW I GET TO TASTE YOUR DELICIOUS LIPS...

MMMMMM... NEVER HAVE I TASTED LIPS AS FRESH AND SUCCULENT AS THESE...
MAGNIFICENT.
STOP!
NOOO... TAKERU!

GROSS! DOESN'T THAT BOTHER YOU?! DOESN'T IT?
WHERE'S THE TAKERU I KNOW?
WHERE ARE YOU?!
TAKERU ?!
I KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE, EVEN THOUGH YOU LOOK SO DIFFERENT. AREN'T YOU?!
AAAAAAAAH!
RIPPPPPPPPPPP

THE REAL YOU...
IS STILL THERE INSIDE...
RIGHT THERE!
BUT HOW?!
GRRIIPPPPPP...

UNGHHH!
AGAAAHH!
THUK
PANT
PANT
PANT--
TAKERU!
SPLOOO
OOGH

FWASH
SLICE

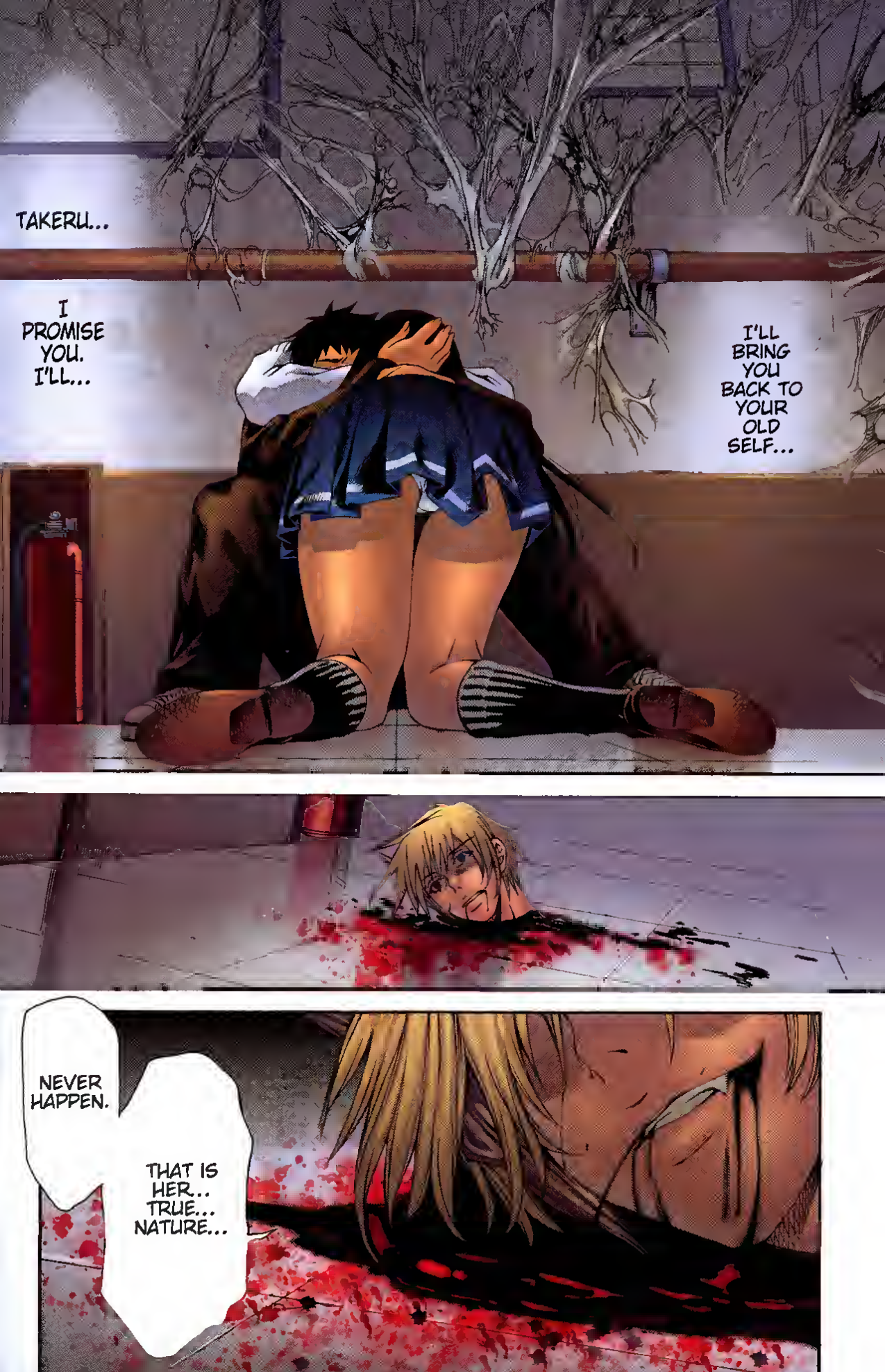
FINISHED AL-READY?!
AH... ALRIGHT, I... YIELD...
SLICKKKT...
WE'RE NOT QUITTING... NOT UNTIL...
GUUUUSSHHH
THE CLIMAX!

KA-THUD

TAKERU, ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH...
BUT... I'M FEELING KIND OF THIRSTY RIGHT NOW.
NOW THAT...
TAKERU?
LOOKS SO GOOD...

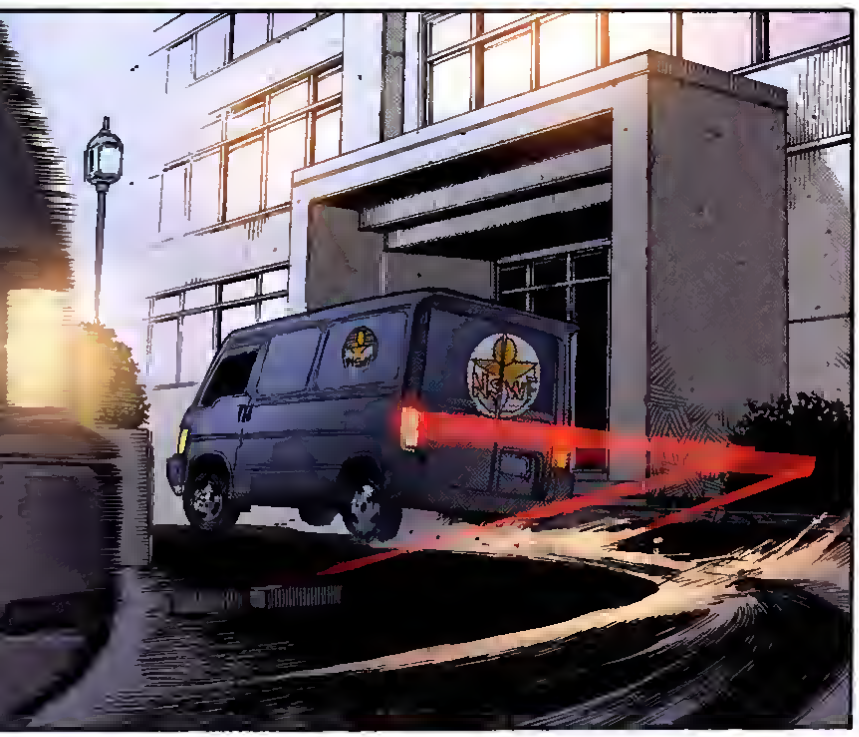
NO, STOP!
I SAID STOP IT!
IF YOU MUST... TAKE ME.
YOU CAN FEED ON ME!
WHENEVER YOU CAN'T BEAR IT ANYMORE... FEED ON ME!

SO...
TAKERU...
UHNG!


TAKERU...
I PROMISE YOU. I'LL...
I'LL BRING YOU BACK TO YOUR OLD SELF...
NEVER HAPPEN.
THAT IS HER... TRUE... NATURE...

BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
OH,
SISTER SEISHUU?! ARE YOU AWAKE?
WE CAME ALL THIS WAY TO VISIT YOU...
NNNGGG
TAKERU-CHAN AND KOU-CHAN CAME TOO, BUT...
THEY DISAPPEARED ON ME SOMEWHERE ALONG THE WAY.
HNG!
I'LL GO CHECK THE LOBBY.

BEEP BEEP
UHNGGG
OH...
BEEP BEEP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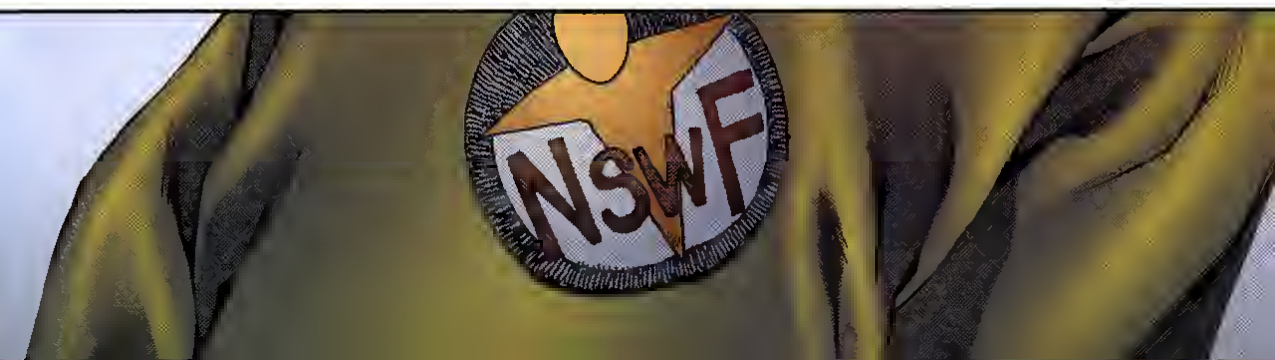
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HUH? WHAT'S GOING ON?
OOOOOKAY EVERYONE...
THERE'S BEEN A REPORT OF A MEDICAL WASTE SPILL AT THIS HOSPITAL!
LIBRARIAN SAKURAI
DON'T WORRY, THOUGH. WE'RE TAKING CARE OF THAT RIGHT NOW. SO EVERYONE... PLEASE RELAX AND CONTINUE YOUR CONVALESCENCE!
HUH?!
ISN'T THAT THE NEW LIBRARIAN...

MS. SAKURAI...
LIBRARIAN SAKURAI
For Sakurai
THERE IS NO MISTAKING WHAT'S HAPPENED...
IT'S THE BEARER OF THE WITCHBLADE.
SECURE HER... IMMEDIATELY.
HE HE HE... THIS IS GOING TO BE FUN...

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